

House Resolution No. 3904

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Mildred Epperson Pinnell Starr of Lee's Summit has attained considerable distinction as the daughter of a banker and farmer, Walter Epperson, and his homemaker wife, Carrie Epperson; and

Whereas, born ninety-two years ago in northeast Missouri's town of Hurdland, Mildred Starr attended several country schools before continuing her education at what was then known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College and at Northwestern University, where she earned a Master's degree; and

Whereas, Mildred Starr taught at two rural schools before being hired at Lee's Summit High School to teach speech and history and to reestablish the debate team; and

Whereas, in her role as debate coach, Mildred Starr took students to tournaments, financed meals herself, and conducted the training which enabled her young proteges to do well in competition as the foundation of what is still a strong debate tradition in the Lee's Summit R-VII School District; and

Whereas, Mildred Starr brought to her educational endeavors at Lee's Summit High School a wealth of knowledge and experience which she had garnered from earlier positions in Missouri schools and two years as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher in Wyoming during World War II; and

Whereas, Mildred Starr recently became involved in a mentoring program in the Gerontology Department at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Medical School where she makes a highly positive impression on the young minds of medical students studying the aging process; and

Whereas, an active member of the Christian Church, Mildred Starr reminds teachers that they are making an impression on young minds that could last for the rest of their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life of Mildred Starr and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal achievement for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mildred Epperson Pinnell Starr of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3904, adopted August 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker